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## CITY QUESTIONS CURTAILMENT OF COMMUTER BUS SERVICE

by Al Skolnik

The city council, at its Monday, November 15 meeting, picked up the cudgels for Greenbelt bus commuters by requesting the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) to justify its proposal for eliminating express buses from Greenbelt to downtown District of Columbia.

According to information received by the council, Greenbelt is one of the few areas where complete elimination of express buses has been proposed. In other areas, the WMATA proposal is to continue express buses by rerouting them so that they would end at a Metro-rail station rather than downtown (the so-called bus rail interface plan).

The Greenbelt proposal, which involves Routes R-11, R-12, and R-15, would not only eliminate express service, but would terminate all the lines at the Stadium-Armory METRO station. The change is scheduled for July 1977.

Greenbelt commuters have signed petitions protesting this action on the grounds of expense and inconvenience. The proposed bus-rail plan will, according to the commuters, almost double the time required to go downtown, when one considers transfer time, only local bus service, etc. In addition, the cost of commuting will rise spectacularly — perhaps 90 percent — as separate fares will have to be paid and the distance traveled on the METRO will be one of the longest in the system.

The council asked WMATA to explain how this change would improve service for commuters.

### Cable TV

Proposed county legislation providing for the franchising of cable television systems in the county has upset the city council, mainly because it feels that the proposal does not adequately recognize the interest of municipalities.

The proposed county legislation (CB 150) would limit the municipal options to transferring its rights to the county or trying to negotiate with a cable operator already selected by the county. According to the city, the bill overlooks the subject of how revenues will be distributed, as well as the problems of bonding and indemnification for service within a municipality.

The city suggested that there might be another alternative for municipal participation, namely, several contiguous municipalities uniting in the public interest to provide cable service to their residents to the exclusion of the county system.

In an event, council urged closer cooperation on the part of the county and municipalities and suggested that CB-150 be rejected or tabled until the municipalities have had a full opportunity to review the bill and make recommendations. The council thought it somewhat suspicious that hearings were scheduled so hurriedly (Nov. 18).

### Ramp at Golden Triangle

The city received copies of correspondence between the county delegation and the State Highway Administration regarding the SHA's decision to purchase part of the Golden Triangle for a Baltimore-Washington Parkway highway ramp.

Aside from questioning the mer-

its of the proposal to eliminate the Southway entrance to the B-W Parkway, the city has been upset because it was not notified specifically of the SHA decision to purchase and the decision to secure approval of such purchase from the Federal Highway Administration.

District SHA Engineer M. S. Caltrider denies the latter charge. In his letter of October 28 to State Senator Edward Conroy, he stated: "The State Highway Administration has not evaded or avoided its responsibilities relative to the citizens of the area. All measures taken by the State Highway Administration have been completely open and available to the public, including the local elected officials of the several municipalities involved."

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld stated that the city was never given an opportunity to make its views known to the Federal authorities.

Caltrider said that no action will be taken to construct the interchange and use the subject property until all engineering has been completed, public hearings held, and all plans approved. He said it was necessary to purchase this property as a protective measure since the property was to be used by Capital Cadillac if the SHA did not move when it did.

### Other Matters

The council went on record acknowledging Greenbelt CARES, Inc.'s existence as an organization concerned with the operation of the Youth Services Bureau and directed that the city staff provide copies of informational material and reports to Greenbelt CARES, Inc. that are made available to the council.

The council approved the expenditure of \$18,000 for expenses related to the Municipal Building addition, including architect fees, test borings, filing fees, etc. The expenditures arose at this time because the city has been working overtime to file an application for a Federal grant under recently enacted public works legislation, amounting to \$282,860. The Federal Economic Development Administration will be making decisions on such applications within 60 days.

The council approved the employment of an insurance consultant to audit the city's existing insurance coverage and liability risks and make recommendations as to changes that might be instituted. Such services are estimated to cost \$1,500.

The council approved the granting of a one-day holiday to be taken at a time designated by the city employee, to make up for the ½ day extra holiday usually granted on the eve of Christmas and New Year's.

Councilman Tom White brought to council's attention problems that have developed with respect to alleged inadequate parking at Greenbriar. The council directed the city manager to keep on top of the subject.

## GHI Seeks Solar Grant

A community development block grant is not the only Federal aid Greenbelt Homes, Inc. is seeking. The board of directors at its Thursday, November 11 meeting authorized the management to resubmit a request to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for a solar energy demonstration grant.

An earlier proposal for a solar energy facility for 44-46 Ridge Rd. (30 units) was denied by HUD on the grounds that the estimated costs were high, there was no plan for insulating the homes, and there were some technical engineering flaws.

HUD subsequently indicated that they would be receptive to a proposal that involved fewer units. Therefore, GHI is proposing as an alternate a grant for 36 Ridge Rd. (16 units). It is also making the technical corrections requested by HUD.

As for insulation, the board approved including in the proposal a prototype insulation program for demonstration units. The costs of insulation are about \$1,000 per unit.

### Human Relations Commission

The board was informed that GHI officials were subpoenaed to appear before the county Human Relations Commission on Dec. 6 with regard to a request by two unrelated persons (male and female) to purchase a GHI unit.

The mutual ownership contract provides that occupancy of a unit shall be confined to the individual member and his immediate family. GHI has interpreted this provision as meaning that unrelated persons cannot purchase a unit in joint tenancy. GHI has also objected to having the signatures of two unrelated persons on the same contract because of the legal complications that arise in case of separations.

### Smoke Detectors

The board received a proposal for installing smoke detectors in all GHI homes at an estimated cost of \$65,000. Because of the many questions raised as to the type of smoke detector to use, the matter was deferred to committee.

## 3 Greenbelt Youths Hurt In Accident

Three Greenbelt youths were injured in an automobile accident on November 7 at 11:11 p.m. The 17 year old driver lost control of the car on Research and Beaverdam Roads and crashed into a telephone pole and several trees. The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad transported the injured to Doctor's Hospital in Lanham.

Responding to the scene was the U.S. Park Police who said that high speed was the cause of the accident.

A spokesman for the department noted that most accidents are caused by alcohol, high speed and failure of the driver to give full attention to driving. He also said the Park Police are called on most frequently during the morning and evening rush hours and noted that most accidents occurred on ramps.

The Park Police substation is located off Greenbelt Road in the Greenbelt National Park. Working around the clock is a force of 21 privates, 5 sergeants and one lieutenant. Their jurisdiction includes the Baltimore-Washington Parkway from Jessup to the D.C. Line, Greenbelt National Park, Agricultural Center, Plant Industries, Patuxent Wildlife Refuge, Plant Introduction Station, D. C. Children's Center, Cedar Knolls and Maple Glen.

## GHI Members Face Average 8.4% Increase In Charges

by Al Skolnik

The magic figure was \$53,000. This was the amount that the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. 1977 budget prepared by manager Roy Breashears had to be cut in order for the increase in monthly operating charges to be kept below 10 percent. The bylaws require that a special membership meeting be called to act on an increase of 10 percent or more.

The GHI board of directors carried out its mission well. At its Thursday, November 11 meeting, it cut not just \$53,000, but \$64,000. Actually, the cuts were much greater, but they were offset by a cost-of-living increase granted employees. In addition, several income items not connected with members' charges were increased. The net effect, however, was to relieve members' monthly charges by \$64,000.

In percentage terms, the increase in operating costs came to 9.6 percent. Converted to total monthly charges to members, which include principal and interest payments on the mortgage, the average increase was even less, 8.4 percent. This is because the amortization payments are a fixed amount from year to year. For the brick homes, the average increase will be somewhat lower than 8.4 percent; frame homes, somewhat higher.

### Major Issues

The items that raised major disagreements at Thursday's meeting were the size of the cost-of-living increase, whether to up the inspector's fee at resale, whether to subsidize the cost of wall paint provided by members, and whether or not to cut the budget beyond the minimum \$53,000.

The split in the board over the pay raise occurred between those who supported the 4% cost-of-living increase contained in the original budget and those who supported the 5.9% increase recommended by the Personnel committee. Nat Shinderman of the Personnel Committee said that studies have shown that the 5.9% was the minimum necessary to keep salaries competitive with those who employ the same type of craftsmen that GHI employs. There was no disagreement over the second part of the Personnel committee's recommendation for selective increases on a proportionate basis amounting in the aggregate to about 1.3% of payroll.

Director Mary Clarke's motion for a 4% pay hike was defeated with support garnered only from director Don Volk. The board then voted for a 5.9% increase, which together with the selective increase of 1.3%, increased the budget by about \$26,600 over the \$34,300 increase already allowed in the original budget.

Another split decision, which was decided only when GHI president Jim Smith cast an affirmative vote, was to up the inspector's fees upon resale from \$42 to \$60 per unit. This measure would bring in an extra \$3,600 per year. A motion that was defeated on a split vote was Volk's to have GHI subsidize (at \$3,000 a year) the cost of paint purchased by members wishing to paint their siding.

### Other Decisions

The remaining decisions on individual items were made with little controversy. The largest item contributing to the \$64,000 reduc-

tion in operating charges was contingency reserves. The original budget called for setting aside the same amounts as in the current (1976) year — \$35,199 for the frame contingency fund, and \$28,689 for the brick. The board decided to go back to the formula used in earlier years — \$20,000 and \$10,000, thus effecting a cut of \$33,888.

The next largest item was deletion of the presently-vacant draftsman's job at a savings of \$12,000. GHI is hopeful of getting some Federal manpower funds to help in filling this job. Another cut was \$8,000 in the tree trimming program, leaving a balance of \$7,000 for this activity. The management also announced that it could save \$6,500 in fuel oil costs by taking advantage of a discount offered this year for prompt payment of bills. Other cuts concerned trash collection estimates (\$5,300) and working capital recovery funds (\$5,100).

### Income

On the income side, the board approved an increase of \$1 a month in boat and garage rents, effective January 1, 1977, which would yield an additional \$3,720 for the year. The new rentals for the garages would be \$12 a month for the closed and \$9 for the open. The boatyard rentals will be \$7-\$8. The board also approved the manager's estimate that fees and commissions from the sale of homes by GHI will rise another \$10,500 in 1977.

### Total Budget

The final adopted budget amounted to \$3,460,000, an increase over 1976 of \$267,000. The major items making up this increase are payroll and related costs (\$105,000), real estate taxes (\$72,000), utilities (\$63,000), capital improvement loan payments (\$46,000), and material and electricity costs (\$39,000). Offsetting these increase are some \$18,000 in lowered fuel oil costs, \$26,000 in lowered contract work, and, as already noted, a \$33,888 reduction in contingency reserves.

Before adopting the final budget directors Mary Clarke and Virginia Moriyadas pleaded that the board limit its cut to \$53,000 so as to maximize the income to the corporation. Clarke felt that the manager's estimates on income from resales needed hedging and also noted that the frame home reserves were dangerously low. But the majority felt that there were other optimistic factors in the offing not fully reflected in the 1977 budget, such as savings on fuel oil costs from converting the steam heat plants to hot water.

## News Review Deadline

Next week's issue of the News Review will be published on Wednesday because of the Thanksgiving holiday. The deadline for submission of articles and advertising will be Monday night instead of the usual Tuesday.

## BOARD AND COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The City Council is seeking resumes from Greenbelt residents who are interested in serving on city boards or committees. Vacancies currently exist on the

### Advisory Planning Board

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and interested persons may obtain further information by calling the City Offices, 474-3870 or 474-8000.

Gudrun H. Mills  
City Clerk

## WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., Nov. 18, 8 p.m. GHI

Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.

Fri., Nov. 19, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

E. Roosevelt Open House.

Thurs. Nov. 25, 10:30 a.m. Inter-

faith Thanksgiving Service, St.

Hugh's Church

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## Advancement In the Art Of Solar Heat Collectors

To the Editor:

In January 1977, HUD will be issuing another request for grant for a solar energy demonstration, and since GHI has already entered into a solar heat program, we would be prudent to put forth a proposal and take advantage of HUD's program.

There has been quite an advance in the state of the art since we installed our solar heating units on Southway and our proposal should reflect this advancement if we expect to receive a favorable decision with regard to our proposal.

One area where advancement has been made is in the design of the collectors. For instance, about nine o'clock in the morning, just about the time the sun gets high enough for most solar collectors to begin extracting a little energy from the slanting rays, the array of 16 collectors behind the Northrup factory in Hutchins, Texas, just south of Dallas, has been in full operation for about two hours. With 160 square feet of collector surface, the test rig was putting out 210 degree Fahrenheit water at a flow rate of eight gallons per minute.

Outside, the trough-like collectors, each a foot wide and 10 feet long, swung imperceptibly across the sky, locked onto the sun. The collecting element itself is a two-inch-wide blackened tube at the bottom of the trough. The sun's rays are focused onto this tube by a Fresnel lens of optical-grade acrylic. The inside is insulated with a layer of fiberglass.

A tracking collector, of course, can collect a lot more energy than one that simply points south all day since it looks directly at the sun from early morning until late evening. Yet for many years proponents of flat-plate collectors have dismissed tracking collectors as far too expensive and complex.

Yet, the tracking system of the Northrup collector is surprisingly inexpensive and reliable. A simple solar-cell sensor, an electronic control circuit, and a small electric motor keep all 16 units pointing at the sun.

It should be noted that Northrup uses a concentrating collector instead of a flat plate collector. The difference being that a concentrating collector focuses the sun's rays to produce higher temperatures with the resultant advantage of higher efficiency.

The Northrup collector is the only concentrating collector that is in widespread use. More than 1600 of them are being installed on the Sams Memorial Center and on the six dormitories at Trinity University in San Antonio. They'll be used both for heating in winter and for operating an absorption-type air conditioner in the summer. Fifty-four units are in operation on a Department of Agriculture building in Las Cruces, New Mexico, and they're also in use — usually supplying heat for both heating and cooling — on a Burger King restaurant in Voorhees Township, New Jersey, at the Northern Illinois Gas Company in Aurora, Illinois, and in dozens of other locations. Units are operating in Germany, Israel, Sweden, Australia, India, and France. Northrup is now making 200 collectors a week to sell for about \$15 per square foot — perhaps \$25-\$30 installed.

But since a Northrup unit tracks the sun — and uses concentrating collectors — it can collect up to twice as many BTUs per square foot of collector surface as a flat-plate collector. And since it can be used both winter and summer to supply heat for both heating

and absorption air conditioning, it becomes an economical device that should pay for itself in a few years in many applications.

It is quite conceivable that the unit cost for a Northrup collector could exceed the unit cost for a flat-plate collector and would seem off-hand a poor choice to make when choosing a collector. But when compared on a basis of BTU per dollar spent, it becomes the logical choice especially if full advantage of those BTUs are utilized by putting them to use for an absorption air conditioning as well as for heating.

Ben A. Hogensen

## Junior Mail Carriers Promote Early Mailing

Fourth, fifth, and sixth grade students in Greenbelt schools are serving as Junior Mail Carriers for the holiday rush. Working with the United States Postal Service, they are learning the urgency of mailing early for the holidays.

December 7 is the official "Student Mail Day". Junior Mail Carriers will be urging parents, relatives, and friends to have their greeting cards written and ready to mail by that date. Students will then take the cards to special mail deposits set up in the designated schools. Postal Service carriers will then collect the mail for dispatch.

On November 15, Postmaster Emory A. Harman announced a "Mail Early For the Holidays" poster contest. Valuable philatelic prizes will be awarded to the best posters in each school. School winners will then be judged and a county winner selected. Winners in Charles, Montgomery, Prince Georges and Saint Mary's Counties will be judged for grand finalist awards.

The Post Office is supplying official poster paper to the contestants. Judges for all the schools will be interested citizens. T.V. & Radio personalities will judge the county winners and select the grand finalists.

Deadline for contest entries is Tues., Dec. 7, the students mailing day. School winners will be announced no later than December 25, 1976, county winners and county finalists no later than January 10, 1977.

## Greenbelters In Marathon

At least four Greenbelters were among the over 1200 starters in the First Annual Marine Corps Marathon held at the Iwo Jima Marine Memorial on Sunday, Nov. 7. The 26 mile 385 yards race wound through both Virginia and Washington. Ken Moore, a world class runner who was a member of the U.S. Olympic Marathon Team in 1972, led all the way and won easily in 2 hours 21 minutes and 14 seconds.

The Greenbelters and their order of finish among the 1,050 finishers were: Jim Isenberg, 48th in 2:43; Marty Greenbaum, 3:06; Shalom Fisher 482nd in 3:33 and Hugh Jascourt, (time not available).

Some Greenbelt runners are planning to run in the Fourth Annual Maryland marathon at Baltimore on Sunday, Dec. 5, at 10 a.m. For registration information call L. Noel 474-9362.

## Democratic Club Meeting

The Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will hold its annual election of officers at the regular monthly meeting on Fri., Nov. 19 at 8 p.m. in the Greenbriar Community Building. The public is invited.

## Health Fair Results

All tests and the results of the recent Health Fair have been completed, reported Co-Chairman Lion Henry Fisher. However, if any women still wish to have a free Pap Test, call 773-1400, Ext. 423. Also, if anyone did not receive his SM-12 blood test results, call Lion Henry Fisher at 474-1817.

According to Fisher there are plans for another Health Fair, if there is enough interest.

## DR. JOSEPH SPEAKS AT COMMUNITY CHURCH

On Sunday evening, Nov. 21, Greenbelt Community Church will have as guest speaker Dr. L.B.M. Joseph, head of Christian Medical College at Vellore, India. A potluck supper will be served at 6 p.m. Dr. and Mrs. Joseph will speak about 7 p.m., and all are welcome. Christian Medical College, an international and interdenominational institution, has hospitals with over 1,200 beds and is responsible for training some 900 doctors, nurses, and other members of the health team.

## Annual Interfaith Service

"Thanksgiving and the Family" will be the theme of the 26th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Day Service, sponsored by four religious organizations in Greenbelt. It will be held at St. Hugh's Catholic Church, 135 Crescent, on Thurs., Nov. 25 at 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Msgr. William F. O'Donnell, host pastor, will offer words of welcome. The Rev. Clifton D. Cunningham, of Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, will give the Thanksgiving sermon, "A Time of Thanksgiving." The Revs. Harry and Sherry Taylor of the Community Church and Rabbi Kenneth Berger of Mishkan Torah will participate in the Thanksgiving Service.

Special music in keeping with the spirit of Thanksgiving will be sung by 25 members of the joint choirs of the churches under the direction of Jean Cook. Organist is Mildred Kern. Persons of all faiths are invited to attend. A free-will offering will be given for world hunger.

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## Mishkan Torah News

Aleksandr Galperin, former prisoner of conscience, will discuss his experiences in the Soviet Union at the Mishkan Torah on Sat., Nov. 20, at 9:30 a.m. Galperin spent 2½ years in a Soviet labor camp for alleged "anti-Soviet propaganda and Zionist activities." He served out his sentence and emigrated to Israel.

The congregation will hold a membership meeting on Sun., Nov. 21, at 8 p.m.

## Thanksgiving Service

Greenbelt Baptist Church will have its Thanksgiving Day Service at 10 a.m., November 25. The Chancel Choir, under the direction of Frank Helms, will sing selected music. Ladies of Ruth Sunday School Class will provide coffee at 9:30 a.m. for those who would like to attend early. The public is invited to attend. The Church is located at the corner of Greenhill and Crescent Roads.

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# Tree Planting at Roosevelt Starts Am. Education Week

by Elaine Skolnik

A lone tree dots the landscape of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School, compliments of the city of Greenbelt. On Monday, November 15, city and school officials wielded silver-plated shovels to assist in the planting of a red oak tree (*Quercus Palustris*) at the corner of the parking lot near the front door.

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld and Roosevelt's principal Ray Ogden were the first to scoop up the rich earth, followed by councilmen Richard Castaldi and Charles Schwan, city manager James K. Glese, Dennis Piondak, assistant city manager, Jack Steiffer, science teacher, and others. All of this was accomplished under the watchful eyes of Greenbelt's superintendent of parks Dennis Doornekamp and several members of the parks crew.

Ogden said that a landscape program will be underway soon. The ground has already been prepared for the planting of bushes and some dogwood trees.

## Education Week

The tree-planting took place during American Education Week - November 14 to November 20. Present at the ceremony was Jim Bruns, teacher at Roosevelt and coordinator of American Education week, who spoke of a "Sit-On-It Contest" involving students in the collection of aluminum materials. The proceeds would be earmarked for the installation of benches outside the cafeteria where students could enjoy the outdoors and relax during their lunch break. Bruns hoped that the citizens of Greenbelt would participate in the program.

Following the tree-planting, the Greenbelt contingent enjoyed a tour of the chunky 101-room facility. Their affable guide was Student Activities Chairman P. J. Dispenzirie, a junior.

## Highlights of Tour

Impressive was the stunning 850 seat auditorium with balcony which can be divided into three sections for lectures. (Some of the red and purple seats are equipped with arm desks.) The auditorium will not only be used by students but it will also be a public facility where theatre and musical groups from around the county can perform. On November 30 at 8 p.m. the Prince Georges Wind Symphony will present a family concert featuring Prince Georges Civic Opera in scenes from "H.M.S. Pinafore."

The auditorium, gymnasium and cafeteria may be closed off from the academic wing and programmed for independent and separate use.

Dispenzirie escorted the group to the red-carpeted, two-level media center (library) with books and audio-visual equipment on the first level, and offices and study units on the second. Displayed in the glass show-cases were books about Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt.

## Graphics

In the graphic arts room, students are learning the skills of printing on plate presses, two letterpress machines and three offset. School publications will be produced here. It appears that journalism students have named their school newspaper "The Raider's Digest." (One of their options was "The New Deal.")

Guidance and counseling activities are housed in a large open room reached through a small reception area. Career and college information color opposite corners of one wall. A computer terminal, expected anytime now, will offer more ideas on possible careers, while chairs arranged in circles offer students a chance to discuss their future plans with guidance counselors.

The group, somewhat wearied from walking, quietly sat down in the first open classroom in the science wing. Department head Dr. Gemberling spoke about the well-equipped labs, the expertise of his staff and the enthusiasm of his students.

Although the building is virtually windowless, the interior seems spacious and light. This may be because the building's three floors are opened at either end to a concourse area, lighted partially by skylights on the roof. Also, light filters in through windows in the stairwells. Some industrial arts classes on the first level have windows.

Each week new equipment and fixtures are delivered. Students are excited about the computer terminals that were installed last week, and are looking forward to the completion of the TV studio. Here students will be able to film their own programs in color. Facilities will include a studio and control room.

## Parent Discussion Group

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Parent Discussion Group will be Wed., Nov. 24, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Greenbelt Baptist church. The topic for discussion will be "How Parents Obtain Authority and Respect."

Babysitting is provided and refreshments will be served. Please call Betty Hughes at 474-8458 for more information.

## Police Blotter

The Seabrook resident charged with raping a Springhill Lake resident in April of this year was found guilty in Circuit Court this week. Sentencing will be in December. Besides rape, he was also found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon, possession of a controlled dangerous substance, armed robbery, and performing an unnatural and perverted sex act.

Several reports were received of threats made against juveniles waiting at their school bus stops. However, the stops were checked during the week with negative results.

A special education class from Greenbelt Center School visited the Police Station this week. PFC Blake provided them with a tour of the facilities.

Numerous brush fires were reported during the week. Sgt. Coombes apprehended three male resident juveniles in the area of Northway Road where they were found setting a fire. The three who ranged in age from 13-16, were returned to their parents. Cpl. Craze apprehended a 13 year old male resident of Boxwood for setting a fire in the area of Ridge and Crescent Roads. He also was returned to his parents.

Because he could not complete a transaction with the night depository at a local bank, a man became angry and took his frustrations out on the bank itself, resulting in a broken window. The man will make restitution for the damage done.

At this time, eighty-nine people have cleared up their outstanding parking tickets, as a result of the warning notices mailed November 1.

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# GHI To Seek Community Development Block Grant

by Al Skolnik

The Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board of directors voted on November 11 to submit a request with the county to participate in its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for the purpose of assisting in a program of renovating and upgrading GHI homes. Such a loan/grant program would be designed to use CDBG funds as a leverage in obtaining necessary financing for a large-scale rehabilitation program for GHI.

GHI is seeking \$300,000 for each of the next three years: \$50,000 for planning assistance and \$250,000 for the establishment of a rehabilitation loan/grant program. Such CDBG funds can be used to attract private financing and subsidize loan interest rates so that GHI could afford to institute all necessary measures to prevent further deterioration, bring homes up to county building standards, and preserve the community for lower-income homeowners. It is estimated that the corporation will require up to \$6 million over the next decade to accomplish this mission.

The loan/grant program, which would be using Federal funds, could take one or more of several forms.

## Options Open

(1) Direct subsidization of loans obtained from private financial institutions. Under this approach, the county would make a grant to private financial institutions to reduce the outstanding principal of borrowed funds. This would produce two results, a lower effective interest rate and greater security for the lender.

(2) Direct county loans to GHI for capital improvements. This would entail the county's establishing a separate municipal corporation to borrow funds from private sources and reloan them to GHI. This could result in lower interest rates to GHI because the county can borrow funds below current market interest rates under its tax-exempt status.

(3) Loan guarantees for GHI loans from private lenders by the county or, through county auspices, from the Federal Government. Loan guarantees are especially important to GHI because GHI cannot borrow funds subject to a mortgage being placed on its property. (Such a mortgage would require the approval of all GHI members.) Guarantees, plus a definitive plan of corporate repayment, for loans may be sufficient for lenders to advance the requisite funds without requiring a mortgage as security.

(4) Matching grants can be an alternative to the rehabilitation loan/grant program. Under this approach, GHI would budget a sum of money and the county from CDBG funds would provide a percentage (up to 50%) of the amount up to a maximum of \$250,000 per year. These matching grants would provide immediate funds for the most pressing problems in GHI and would permit the remainder of GHI rehabilitation to be funded over a period of years.

As security for the loan program, GHI is suggesting instead of a mortgage the following: (1) a corporate repayment plan that has the pledge of the corporation; (2) if required, the Greenbelt Development Corporation property (60 rental apartments on Parkway); or (3) 50+ acres of undeveloped land.

## Timetable

The GHI board had to act fast because a county citizen advisory group will be passing on proposals and making recommendations to the county council and county executive this month. However, in response to inquiries from the board, management said that no commitments were involved in the proposal, since the exact arrangements will have to be negotiated with the Community Development Administration. All the conditions and restrictions will eventually be spelled out in a contract.

GHI received support for the application from city council on November 15. Because there was not enough time to reconsider the GHI plan in depth, the council did request the city manager to investigate and let council know of any ramifications that might ad-

versely affect the city.

## Renovation Needs

The Long-Range Planning Committee has listed the following projects in a long-range rehabilitation program: replacement of roofs, electrical heavy-up, storm windows and doors, casement window renovation, additional ceiling insulation, crawl space insulation and vapor barrier, wall insulation, gutter replacement, resheathing and replacement of structural supports where needed, burner replacements, fuel tank and pipe replacement, replacement of large steam plants, replacement of domestic hot water storage tanks, additional parking spaces, swales and grading, tree replacement program, and court lighting.

## E. Roosevelt Open House

As part of American Education Week, parents are invited to an Open House at Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School, Friday, November 19. Coffee will be served in the commons from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Parents are invited to visit classes in session during the day.

## At the Library

On Tues., Nov. 23, at 7 p.m. in the Meeting Room, the feature film will be **THE QUIET MAN** starring John Wayne, and Maureen O'Hara. Authentic Irish scenery highlights this delightful comedy.

TALK-A-BUNCH meets on Mondays at 4 p.m. The program includes films, discussions about books and other activities for children ages 9-11.

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## La Leche Meeting

LaLeche League will meet to discuss "The Family - the Breast-feeding Baby" on Thurs., Nov. 18 at 8:30 p.m. All those interested in participating should come to 35-L Ridge Rd. La Leche League is a group which offers help and information to those women who seek to learn the ways of mothering through breast feeding. For information call 474-0616 or 345-2141.

## Public Hearing on Nov. 23

The Bi-County Committee of the Prince Georges County Delegation of the Maryland General Assembly has scheduled a public hearing on proposals concerning the Washington Suburban Transit Commission, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, and Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission. The hearing will be held on Tues., Nov. 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the MNCPPC auditorium, 6600 Kenilworth Ave, Riverdale. For further information call Barbara Hicks, 779-2170.

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Ann and Lou Mead squeezed out a ½ point victory at last Friday's duplicate bridge session. In second place were Lucille and Lou Lushine. Next game: Friday, November 26, at the Youth Center, starting at 8 p.m.

Army Nurse (First Lieutenant) Debra Guilmette of SHL recently completed a five-week Army Nurse and Medical Specialist Corps officer basic course at the Academy of Health Sciences of the U. S. Army in Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

Pvt. Mark P. Miedzinski, 9-G Soutway, graduated from Marine Corps Boot Camp, Parris Island, S.C. on Oct. 13. Attending his graduation were his mother, Norma, brother, Mike, grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gray, 34-A Ridge, and Judi Cooper, formerly of Greenbelt. Mark is now stationed at Camp Lejeune, N.C. where he is in engineering school studying diesel mechanics.

Center school students and staff recently welcomed back teacher Beth Kessler and secretary Melba Marian. Both Mrs. Kessler and Mrs. Marian had been hospitalized for surgery. Glad to see them doing so well.

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### Greenbelt Boys' and Girls' Club

Registration for the Boys' and Girls' Club Basketball will be held on Fri., Nov. 19, in the SHL Rec. Center at 7:30 p.m. Club basketball has, in past years, been rewarding and promises to be so again this year. Anyone interested in playing is encouraged to attend the meeting and register. Adult volunteers are also needed to help with the program. Those interested should contact Basketball Commissioner Rich Starkweather at 345-3691.

Information concerning the men's franchise basketball league is now available. Brochures may be obtained at the Youth Center. For additional information call the Rec. Dept., Mon-Fri., 9-5 p.m., 474-6878.

### Escalator Clause Sought For Rent Rebate Program

Seeking to give the elderly a cushion against housing inflation, Prince Georges county council, for the first time since the program's inception in 1974, has proposed an escalator clause upping the rent credit maximum each year the housing price index jumps.

Proposed as part of the rent credit program, the escalator clause will increase the proposed \$220 maximum cash rebate by an amount equivalent to 75 percent of the yearly hike in the housing element of the Consumer Price Index for metropolitan Washington.

The measure by councilmen Francis B. Francois and chairman David G. Hartlove Jr., scheduled for public hearing Nov. 23 at 10 a.m., would return in cash 15 percent of an elderly citizen's monthly rent to a maximum of \$220. For the first time, the legislation would make the program ongoing, ending an elderly resident's annual dilemma over whether the program will be enacted for another year.

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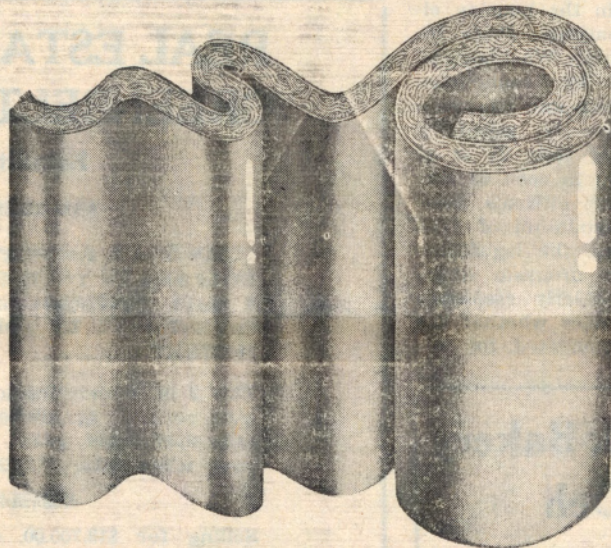
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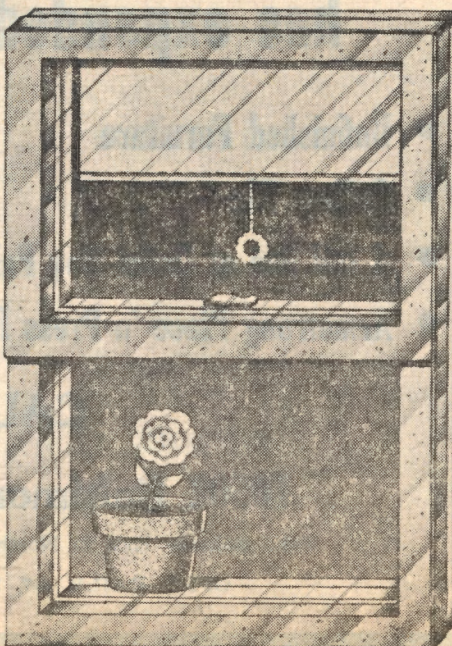
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